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THE COTTON FACTORY.

We have not heard that the friends of this enterprise are doing much to advance its interests. We hope that it will not be abandoned after the very flattering success it has met with. It is singular that while other States and cities are doing so much to encourage the building of factories, North Carolina and her principal cities should seem so little interested, and frequently business men are opposed to them. While we are idle, if not repellant, Augusta is extending a cordial welcome to such enterprises.

The Legislature of Georgia has passed a law exempting from taxation for a term of ten years all capital invested in cotton, woolen or iron manufactures. This exemption applies to every species of taxation, State, County and Municipal. In addition to this exemption, the City Council of Augusta has passed an ordinance paying a bonus of three per cent. on capital invested by parties living out of the State in the investment in manufacturing of any kind in the city.

This is what is done in a city where manufactures are in successful operation. It is no experiment with them. So great a benefit is derived from them already established, that the City Council, representing the taxpayers, for Augusta is under control of the white people, have actually voted a bonus to foreign capital seeking investment there in manufactures.

It seems to us that we might learn a lesson from Augusta. Wilmington can do this by the establishment of manufactures, our growth in population and wealth will be slow.

We ought not to let the question of the cotton factory slumber. If those gentlemen who began the work with such liberal subscriptions will only give the subject a little more attention, it must be successful.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 12, 1874.

My dear Journal:

These are very busy times, with everybody connected with the Legislature. It is always the case as the day for the final adjournment draws near, Monday next at 12 m. the two Houses have solemnly agreed to put an end to the session and return to their constituents, and everybody is in a hurry and everybody has his "little bill" not yet got through—and this goes to me that probably will not get to know the different steps in this process of "getting a bill through" the Legislature.

In the first place the bill must be introduced in one of the two Houses and read by the Clerk the first time. On the first reading the bill passes as a matter of course, the universal practice in legislative bodies being to make no objection to a bill on its first reading. After the first time the bill is referred to a committee of the House or Senate, as the case may be, and by careful investigation. These investigations by committees are made while the Legislature is not in session, and constitute the most laborious part of the duty of members.

When the committee have agreed in opinion whether the bill ought to pass or not, they return it to the House or Senate, as the case may be, with a statement of their opinion in writing. The bill is then ready to be put upon the second reading, whenever it is reached in its regular turn. The Clerk reads the bill a second time, and it is discussed and amended so as to meet the views of the majority of the House and passed second time. The bill is then ready for its third reading, and when reached in regular order it is read a third time, amended and discussed if desired, and passed third time. The opinion of the Committee has great influence in shaping the action of the House upon a bill, but is not conclusive.

When a bill has passed the third time in the House in which it was first introduced, it must be "engrossed" or copied for transmission to the other House. The Committee on Engrossed Bills have to examine the "engrossed bill," as it is called, and see that it is an exact transcript of the bill as passed, and certify that it is so. The Clerk of the House then takes the bill and passes it to the other House, where it is introduced. When the Clerk with the message bill reaches the other House, it suspends business for the moment, the doorkeeper announces in a loud voice "a message from the House of Representatives," or "from the Senate," as the case may be, and the presiding officer invites the messenger to come forward. He does so and delivers his papers to the presiding officer, who then returns and the regular business is resumed.

The course of the bill is now precisely similar to that taken in the House in which it was introduced, with this exception, that it is referred to a committee for examination and report, read and passed second time, read and passed third time.

When an engrossed bill in one House has passed the third time in one House precisely as it came from the other House it is then ready for "enrollment." The Committee on Enrollment Bills examine the enrolled bill and certify that it is an exact copy of the engrossed bill as it passed both Houses and report the fact to both Houses. The Committee on Enrollment Bills being satisfied, the bill is then ready for enrollment. The enrolled bill is then placed in the hands of the Secretary of State, who is the custodian of the laws of the State.

This is the very simplest way of "getting a bill through" the Legislature. The "engrossed bill" is the copy sent from one House to the other. The "enrolled bill" is the copy deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, who is the custodian of the laws of the State.

The consolidation bill, in its last shape, became law some days ago, and is now but a little talked of. The bill is indeed a law, but whether the road will be built is by no means so certain. The encumbrances on the North Carolina Road are so great that it is feared they will form a serious, if not fatal, obstacle to the accomplishment of the present plan for connecting our North Carolina roads with those beyond the mountains. It by no means follows, however, if this project fails, that another and by other parties will not succeed. The clause prohibiting the Governor from appointing any one as a director of the consolidated road who has been refused to answer any questions asked by a Legislative Committee touching his conduct as a Railroad President, on the ground that he would thereby criminate himself, is a part of the bill, and it remains to be seen whether Governor Caldwell will disregard it.

The Revenue Bill passed the Senate

MURDER.

Effects of the heavy frost on the cotton crop. The cotton crop is estimated to be about 1,000,000 bales, valued at \$10,000,000. It is estimated that the cotton crop will be about 1,000,000 bales, valued at \$10,000,000. It is estimated that the cotton crop will be about 1,000,000 bales, valued at \$10,000,000.

WOMEN AGAINST WHISKY.

Latest Particulars of the New Crusade in the West. KING ALCOHOL PRESSED TO HIS LAST DEFENCES.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, February 9, 1874.

There is a new crusade in the capital! The King Alcohol is being pressed to his last defenses. The crusade is being waged by the women of the State, who are determined to drive him out of the land. The crusade is being waged by the women of the State, who are determined to drive him out of the land.

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